

IN THE CLAIMS

1. *original* A method of planting comprising the steps of:
(a) interplanting two hybrids, wherein:
(1) the first hybrid is a male fertile waxy maize seed; and
(2) the second hybrid is a male sterile waxy maize seed which is homozygous recessive for the sugary-2 allele;
(b) permitting the male fertile maize plants to pollinate said male sterile maize plants; and
(c) harvesting the resulting maize seed from the two hybrids together to result in a blend.
2. *original* The method of claim 1, wherein the maize plants have been rendered male sterile by cytoplasmic, genetic, mechanical, chemical, manual, or a combination of such methods.
3. *original* The method of claim 1, wherein the hybrids are interplanted randomly.
4. *original* The method of claim 3, wherein the male sterile hybrid is present in an amount greater than that of the male fertile hybrid.
5. *original* The method of claim 4, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 80% of the hybrids.
6. *original* The method of claim 5, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 85% of the hybrids.
7. *original* The method of claim 4, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 90% of the hybrids.
- 8-10. currently cancelled.
11. *original* A method of planting comprising the steps of:
(a) interplanting two hybrids, wherein:
(1) the first hybrid is a male sterile waxy maize seed; and
(2) the second hybrid is a male fertile waxy maize seed which is homozygous recessive for the sugary-2 allele;
(b) permitting the male fertile maize plants to pollinate said male sterile maize plants; and
(c) harvesting the resulting maize seed from the two hybrids together to result in a blend.
12. *original* The method of claim 11, wherein the maize plants have been rendered male sterile by cytoplasmic, genetic, mechanical, chemical, manual or a combination of such methods.

13. *original* The method of claim 11, wherein the hybrids are interplanted randomly.
14. *original* The method of claim 13, wherein the male sterile hybrid is present in an amount greater than that of the male fertile hybrid.
15. *original* The method of claim 14, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 80% of the hybrids.
16. *original* The method of claim 15, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 85% of the hybrids.
17. *original* The method of claim 14, wherein the planting of the hybrids is such that the male sterile accounts for at least about 90% of the hybrids.
- 18-20. currently cancelled.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were pending.

Claims 1-20 were restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Claims 8-10 and 18-20 have been cancelled subject to Applicants' right to refile the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

Claims 1-7 and 11-17 are presented for reconsideration.